

RESOLUTION NO. 255

WHEREAS, The Site Certification Agreement for the Washington Public Power Supply System Nuclear Projects Nos. 3 and 5 contains provisions for the protection, replacement and/or compensation of wildlife, fish or other aquatic life, ecosystem, recreational opportunities or vegetation; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 248, dated August 28, 1989, the Council approved an Interim Agreement between the Washington Department of Wildlife and Supply System that specified timber management and wildlife mitigation commitments for the site and required the Supply System to submit a Wildlife Mitigation Plan for the WNP-3/5 (Satsop) site; and

WHEREAS, The Council has authorized three selective timber harvests consistent with the Interim Agreement; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 254, dated August 13, 1990, the Council approved the Satsop Wildlife Mitigation Plan providing a program for mitigating impacts on wildlife during the construction delay and for determining future wildlife enhancement and mitigation requirements; and

WHEREAS, By letter GO3-91-007/GO5-91-002, dated January 16, 1991, the Supply System submitted a Forest Practices Application (attached) for the selective harvesting of timber on Timber Management Units 5, 8 and 15; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee has reviewed the Supply System's application and comments received from the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Wildlife and Department of Fisheries and finds that the proposed timber harvest is consistent with the state's wildlife and forestry interests at this time; and

WHEREAS, The Council assumes the lead for processing Forest Practices applications submitted by certificate holders pursuant to its regulatory responsibilities for major energy facilities as set forth in Chapter 80.50 RCW generally, and specifically in RCW 80.50.110 and 120;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby approves the timber harvest proposed by the Supply System in its Forest Practices Application dated January 16, 1991 subject to the following conditions:

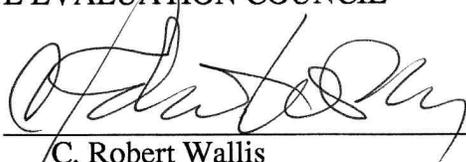
1. The Supply System is authorized to selectively harvest timber from Timber Management Units 5, 8 and 15 at the WNP-3/5 site;

2. Harvesting practices, consistent with the Forest Practices rules and regulations and as determined by the Department of Natural Resources and other resource agencies and those specified in the application, will be met by the Supply System and its contractors. Notwithstanding the above, the Council applies the following conditions to the timber harvest:
 - a. Ground-based skidding equipment is not allowed on slopes greater than 30% (WAC 222-30-070(8));
 - b. Skid trails used by ground skidding equipment are to be water barred every 10 feet of elevation change to prevent soil erosion (WAC 222-30-070(7));
3. The harvesting operation will be done in accordance with the mitigation and property management commitments contained in the Satsop Power Plant Site Wildlife Mitigation Plan, Revision O, date May 29, 1990.
4. The Supply System will report monthly to the Council on harvesting activities.

Dated this 8th of April 1991.

WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY FACILITY
SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

By



C. Robert Wallis
Acting Chairman

Approved As To Form:

By



John Keith
Assistant Attorney General

ATTACHMENT: Supply System Forest Practices Application, dated January 16, 1991.



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Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NOS. 3 AND 5
FOREST PRACTICE APPLICATION

Please find enclosed the Forest Practice Application for the 1991 proposed timber harvest. The Supply System is proposing to harvest timber in three units. Two units (T5 and T15) are alder rehabilitation units, with conversion to Douglas fir. One unit (T8) includes five acres of selective harvest and five acres of salvage harvest. The harvesting plan has previously been discussed with Department of Wildlife staff, and incorporates several habitat considerations.

Unit T5, a 31 acre unit, was reduced to a 24 acre harvest unit. This was done to preserve a four acre clump, a travel-feeding corridor over the ridge, thermal cover, and to maximize the "edge" habitat of the unit. The northeast boundary along the type 4 stream averages 150 feet in width and contains many large diameter trees.

Unit T8 was reduced to a five acre salvage harvest and a five acre, 30 percent selective harvest. The salvage harvest will remove down trees which are creating a barrier to large mammal movement. The selective harvest will attempt to create a 70 percent canopy closure which is considered optimum for many bird species. The cutting line was determined by topography for wind firmness and also protects the small drainage in the unit. Several acres along the south and east sides will remain undisturbed.

Unit T15 was reduced to two small settings of 10 acres each. This maximized edge creation and left two 10 acre clumps for thermal cover and travel corridors. The west end of Unit 15 is a preservation zone which exceeds current RMZ standards.

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Also enclosed please find lists of proposed wildlife trees and maps indicating their location in each unit. Each stem was selected based upon:

- 1) Douglas fir as the specie of choice, whenever possible
- 2) 20" minimum diameter, when possible
- 3) defect which will cause decay or mortality
- 4) two stems per acre
- 5) dispersed throughout unit in locations that will not cause inefficient or hazardous harvesting
- 6) suitability for topping, if necessary

We will be pleased to meet with the Certificate Compliance Committee to discuss our harvesting plans.



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